Creation of Employment for Youth in Punjab

1026. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government regarding creation of employment opportunities for educated and uneducated youth in Punjab, particularly in its rural and border areas;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount of expenditure to be incurred on the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no specific proposal under consideration of Government regarding creation of employment opportunities for educated and uneducated youth in Punjab. Recently Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been launched from 2nd October, 1993 with a view to provide self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in the country. This benefits Punjab youth also. The project upto Rs. 1 lakh are covered under the scheme. Partnership projects with higher costs are also covered provided share of each persons is Rs. 1 lakh or less. Government of India provides subsidy @ 15% of the project cost subject to ceiling of Rs. 7500 per entrepreneur. Under the scheme of TRYSEM (Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment) which is being implemented throughout the country, including Punjab, basic, technical and managerial skills are provided to rural youth form families below the poverty line to enable them to take up income generating activities. The participants are paid a stipend for the duration of the training which varies between Rs. 150—300 per month. The beneficiaries should be normally in the age group of 18—35.

An amount of Rs. 33.12 lakhs has been earmarked for central assistance to Punjab under TRYSEM during the current financial year.

Allocation of Funds under IRDP and JRY to Punjab

1027. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds to the Government of Punjab under the Integrated Rural Development Programme and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the period from 1990 to June, 1993;

(b) whether Government have instituted any independent agency to evaluate the funds of IRDP and JRY; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The central allocation of funds to the Government of Punjab under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the period from 1990 to June, 1993 is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	IRDP		JRY	
	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1990-91	229.29	483.01	1,340.52	1,273.49
1991-92	215.00	413.00	1,340.52	1,314.42
1992-93	203.00	559.86	1,586.03	1,361.75
1993-94	264.00	132.00	1,307.44	309.32

(b) and (c) No agency has been instituted by the Government to evaluate the funds of IRDP/JRY. However, evaluation studies are carried out to assess the overall impact of the programmes through reputed and independent institutions.

Proposal for Welfare Schemes for Rural Women and Children in Punjab

1028. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for more welfare schemes for rural women and children in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) This Ministry promotes the welfare of women and children in rural areas through Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) Scheme. DWCRA scheme has been in operation in 9 districts of Punjab (Gurdaspur, Bhatinda, Ferozepur, Sangrur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Patiala and Roper). Recently, a newly created Mansa District has been brought under DWCRA Scheme at the request of State Government Welfare of the rural women is also promoted through Integrated Rural Development Programme.

Provision for Sanitation Facilities

1029. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will tht PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some blocks and districts have been identified in the country for providing low-cost sanitation facilities in collaboration with UNICEF;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of towns/villages covered under the said programme in the country including Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is presently providing assistance for accelerating sanitation programme in 50 districts of 16 selected States including Rajasthan.

In addition, rural sanitation is also covered under Integrated Guineaworm Eradication projects in 15 districts of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

The UNICEF assisted programmes approach at the State level is to strengthen infrastructure and capacity building to evolve suitable communication and social mobilisation, develop management information system etc.

At the district level, the programme aims at creation of awareness and demand generation in an intensified way. In these areas, UNICEF shares the cost of providing sanitary facilities, developing alternative delivery system and replicable models.

It is targetted to cover all the blocks of selected districts in a phased manner.

(c) Village identification is based on the the existing as well as potential demand. The total number of village covered in various districts is available with the concerned State and it is not monitored at the level of Central Government. Towns are not covered.

Introduction of Domestic Spinning Units for the Benefit of Rural Women

1030. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation have been received suggesting a scheme to introduce domestic spinning units to be run by pedals on power for the benefit of rural women, who are most unemployed in rural areas; and